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Authorized by: School Date: 9/35/13

Re: Proposal for Expert Analysis of Mining and Reclamation Plan Submitted by the Anaconda Company for the Jackpile Mine - Pueblo of Laguna - New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mills:

The Pueblo of Laguna hereby requests a grant of funds for a review and an evaluation of the Anaconda Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Jackpile Mine - Pueblo of Laguna - New Mexico.

As you are aware, the Anaconda Company has been conducting open-pit uranium mining operations at the Pueblo of Laguna since 1952. It is presently expected that production will cease at this open-pit operation in 1982.

The Pueblo does not have the expertise to evaluate and review the proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan, nor does it have the expertise to formulate a feasible plan of its own should Anaconda's Plan prove to be unacceptable.

In the attached proposal, the Pueblo of Laguna requests expert assistance to formulate a plan of action which will include but not be limited to the following:

- 1. Optimal rehabilitation using current reclamation techniques.
- 2. Evaluation of the Anaconda Mining and Reclamation Plan to determine extent of rehabilitation it proposes to achieve.
  - 3. Determine feasibility of optimal rehabilitation.
- 4. Identify alternatives to optimal reclamation plan to achieve effective and efficient reclamation.



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5. Establish guidelines and criteria for evaluation of reclamation progress by the Pueblo of Laguna.

To carry out this task, the Pueblo requests funding in the sum of \$14,000.00 of which \$10,000.00 represents the cost of labor and \$4,000.00 represents the cost of travel and other overhead and administrative expenses. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

FLOYD CORREA - GOVERNOR PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Enclosure

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